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## OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5765

### ***AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESPITE CARE PROGRAM.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from \$41,000 to \$50,000, the Statewide Respite Care Program's annual income limit and retains the existing asset limit of \$109,000. The program provides respite for caregivers who care for people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders, regardless of age, who are not enrolled in the Connecticut Homecare Program for Elders. By law, the social services commissioner must annually increase the income and asset limits to reflect Social Security cost of living adjustments. The current limits were set in 2009 and have not been adjusted since then.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Statewide Respite Care Program***

By law, program participants are eligible to receive up to \$7,500 in services annually, depending on need. Services include homemaker and personal care assistant services, adult day care, short-term medical facility care, home health care, and companion services.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 11      Nay 0      (02/14/2013)